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SUBJ: DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WALLENBERG CASE

REF: A) STOCKHOLM 2405, B) STOCKHOLM 2401 (NOTAL)

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. HAVING JUST UNSUCCESSFULLY RAISED THE WALLENBERG CASE IN
MOSCOW (REF A) AND STILL IN THE PROCESS OF CHECKING LEADS
PROVIDED BY A NEW WITNESS OF DOUBTFUL CREDIBILITY (REF B),
THE OSO HAS NO OTHER INITIATIVES IN MIND AT PRESENT. THE
MFA'S ACTION OFFICER HAS EXPRESSED TO US SOME CONCERN ABOUT
RUMORS OF GRANDSTANDING INITIATIVES THAT MIGHT DEVELOP FROM
EFFORTS OF THE US AND SWEDISH WALLENBERG COMMITTEES, BUT
LEADERS OF THE SWEDISH COMMITTEE, INCLUDING NINA LAGERGREN,
WHO TALKED WITH AN ENDOFF ON JUNE 5, SEEMED REASONABLY
CAUTIOUS.

3. OUR MFA CONTACT IS SPECIFICALLY CONCERNED ABOUT TWO
POSSIBILITIES: THAT AN EFFORT MAY BE SPEARHEADED BY

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LEADERS AND SYMPATHIZERS OF THE US WALLEBERG COMMITTEE TO HAVE THE CASE RAISED IN A PROVOCATIVE WAY AT THE MADRID COCE REVIEW CONFERENCE, AND THAT US ACTIVISTS MIGHT PROVOKE A WALLEBERG-RELATED INCIDENT DURING THE MOSCOW OLYMPICS. NEITHER COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE LOOKED ON WITH PARTICULAR FAVOR BY THE GOS. IN BOTH CASES, THE NAMES OF SENATOR AND MRS MOYNIHAN HAVE BEEN MENTIONED TO THE WFA BY LEADERS IN THE SWEDISH WALLEBERG COMMITTEE AS AMONG THE POTENTIAL PRIME MOVERS. SENATORS CHURCH AND PELL AND A "CONGRESSMAN LEVIN" (OTHERWISE UNIDENTIFIED) ARE ALSO APPARENTLY BEING MENTIONED HERE IN CONNECTION WITH A MADRID INITIATIVE.

4. THE WFA HAS RESPONDED INFORMALLY TO MRS LAGERGREN'S INQUIRY AS TO WHETHER THE WALLEBERG CASE COULD IN PRINCIPLE BE RAISED AT MADRID BY SAYING IT PERCEIVES "NO FORMAL OBSTACLE." A RESPONSE REPORTEDLY ALSO GIVEN RECENTLY BY HMG TO A QUERY IN THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT. BUT THE GOS REMAINS IN PRINCIPLE OPPOSED TO RAISING SPECIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS CASES IN THE COCE REVIEW PROCESS. OUR INTERLOCUTOR AT THE WFA ALSO EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT SUCH AN INITIATIVE WOULD HELP CLARIFY WALLEBERG'S FATE IN ANY EVENT.

5. THE WFA'S UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT FOR THE OLYMPICS IS THAT PROMINENT AMERICANS AND SWEDS MIGHT SEEK TO GET THEMSELVES ARRESTED IN MOSCOW DEMONSTRATING FOR WALLEBERG'S FREEDOM. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT SENATOR MOYNIHAN MAY HAVE TALKED OF GOING HIMSELF.

6. IN A DISCUSSION ON JUNE 8 AT THE EMBASSY WITH MRS LAGERGREN AND TWO OF HER CLOSEST ASSOCIATES, AN EMBASSY FOUND NO REAL EVIDENCE OF A TASTE FOR CONFRONTATIONAL EFFORTS. BUT THEY ARE NATURALLY ALWAYS GRASPING AT STRAWS. THEIR MOST DESIRED OBJECTIVES, THEY SAID, WERE (A) TO FIND A WITNESS WHO COULD PERSUASIVELY PLACE WALLEBERG AT SPECIFIC LOCATIONS IN THE USSR (THEY HAVE ILLUSIONS THAT MILLER COULD FILL THIS ROLE) AND (B) TO PERSUADE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE THE SOVIETS AN OFFER OF EXCHANGE FOR SOMEONE IN WESTERN HANDS THE SOVIETS MIGHT LIKE BACK. MORE REALISTICALLY, THEY LOOK FORWARD TO THE AWARD TO WALLEBERG OF A HUMAN RIGHTS MEDAL BY THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, PERHAPS TO SOME MENTION AT LEAST OF WALLEBERG AT MADRID, AND TO ORGAN-

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IZING HALLENDERS MEARNINGS CANCELLED HERE THIS SPRING FOR THE
FALL. WITH RESPECT TO THE LAST ITEM, SITES IN THE US AND UK,
AS WELL AS SWEDEN, ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION. KENNEDY-NINOTY

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